



# Saddleback COMMUNICATIONS

A Division of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community

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September 28, 2011

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket 96-45  
Saddleback Communications  
Annual Use Certification and Supplemental Data  
Study Area No. 457991 (rural status)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Transmitted herewith is the Annual Use Certification for Saddleback Communications, and Supplemental Data as required by 47 C.F.R. §54.202. Saddleback is an incumbent local exchange carrier which serves the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Arizona. It has been designated as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act since 1998. As a tribally-owned telecommunications company, it is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Arizona Corporation Commission and is therefore self certifying for the upcoming year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bill Bryant  
President/General Manager

Enclosure

cc: USAC

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STATE OF ARIZONA	§	
	§	CC Docket No. 96-45
SALT RIVER PIMA-MARICOPA	§	
INDIAN COMMUNITY	§	

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Bill Bryant of Saddleback Communications (“the Company”), who on his/her oath deposed and said:

1. “My name is Bill Bryant. I am employed by Saddleback Communications (Study Area No. 457991, rural status) in the position of President/General Manager. In this position, I am personally familiar with all Federal Universal Service support received by the Company and how these funds are used by the Company.

2. “Saddleback Communications was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Federal Communications Commission in CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 98-223 by order dated November 4, 1998.

3. “Saddleback Communications hereby certifies that all federal high cost support received will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act.

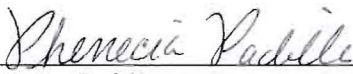
4. “Saddleback Communications is not subject to jurisdiction by the Arizona Corporation Commission and is therefore self-certifying for the upcoming calendar year.

5. I have reviewed the information contained in the document captioned "CC Docket No. 96-45 Supplemental Data as Required by Section 54.202 of the Commission's Rules" to which this Affidavit is attached. All information in that document was prepared by me or by persons under my immediate supervision. All information contained therein is true and correct based upon knowledge and belief.

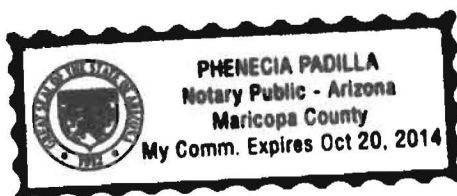
6. The matters addressed above are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

  
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Bill Bryant

28<sup>th</sup> SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this the day of September, 2011.

  
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Notary Public  
State of Arizona

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**Saddleback Communications**  
**A division of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

CC Docket No. 96-45

Supplemental Data as Required by Section 54.202 of the Commission's Rules

Saddleback Communications Company (Saddleback) is an unincorporated business enterprise that was established pursuant to a 1997 ordinance passed by the Council of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC), a Federally recognized Indian tribe. Saddleback is an incumbent local exchange carrier which provides telecommunications services within the boundaries of SRPMIC. Saddleback was designated as an eligible telecommunications carrier by the Federal Communications Commission in CC Docket No. 96-45, DA 98-223 by order dated November 4, 1998.

**1. Maps of the Service Area.**

Saddleback was formed in response to a serious telecom infrastructure deficit within the Community. It is estimated that up to one quarter of the Community Members were unable to receive basic telephone service prior to the establishment of Saddleback. Additionally, the legacy U.S. West (Qwest) copper infrastructure was unable to consistently deliver quality voice connections and completely unable to support high speed internet and data connections. In December 2001, the Company purchased the aging telecommunication assets of Qwest Communications that were located within the boundaries of the Community and began the process of upgrading and replacing many of those assets. Voice, data and Internet services are now delivered to residents, businesses and government customers primarily through diverse fiber optic paths.

The Community is a sparsely populated area covering approximately 82 square miles, with about 36% held as a natural preserve, and about 23% under cultivation in a variety of crops. Attached are the following maps:

- **Exhibit 1** is a topographical map of the reservation showing the vast undeveloped areas.
- **Exhibit 2** is the current general plan which shows the areas where future development can occur. The Community envisions a balancing of the forces of economic development with the foundations of long established Community values. The General Plan is the Community's blueprint for land use and development as well as conservation and preservation.
- **Exhibit 3** shows the telecommunication network that Saddleback has invested in to service the Community.
- **Exhibit 4** shows the Fiber Optic Rings the Saddleback has created to provide for a redundant network.

In part through federal high-cost support, Saddleback has invested in a superior digital network, placing over 100 miles of fiber routes throughout its service area in order to vastly improve the quality of the communications infrastructure. As part of its continuing efforts to provide the most redundant and reliable telecommunications services available, Saddleback has recently completed the installation of a distributed second Soft Switch located approximately 8 miles from Saddleback's Central Office. The new Class 5 Soft Switch, in conjunction with the Class 5 Soft Switch at the existing Central Office, provides redundancy for voice services with either switch able to handle 100% of the traffic should a disaster cause one switch to fail. Installation of the new switch and the multiple fiber rings is a continuation of Saddleback's efforts to eliminate all single points of failure in the service area in support of Saddleback's objective to provide the highest level of network redundancy and reliability available. Saddleback is now able to provide telephone and DSL service to anyone within the Community who desires service. High cost support is needed to continue to provide and maintain sophisticated telecommunications services today and into the future.

## **2. Previously Reported Projects and Improvements that have not been completed.**

All of the proposed major projects listed in the prior year's certification that were scheduled to be completed by this date have been completed except for:

1. Completion of the service to the new Diamondbacks training facility. The completed date was extended to March, 2011.
2. Bury McKellips Aerial Fiber. Because of right-of-way issues, the completion date has been extended to September, 2012.
3. Copper Wire & Cable rehabs. Some of the planned rehabilitation of the copper facilities were delayed and will be replaced with fiber instead of copper.

## **3. Five-Year Plan demonstrating how high-cost universal service support will be used to improve Saddleback Communication's coverage, service quality or capacity.**

In 2010, Saddleback received a total of \$3,867,601 Universal Service Support.

### **Universal Service Support Received in 2010**

LSS	\$378,036
ICLS	\$1,078,470
HCLF	\$2,363,390
Safety Net	\$27,875
Lifeline	\$19,830

In 2010, Saddleback invested \$2,291,486 in capital improvements, and had a Plant Under Construction balance of \$561,286 at December 31, 2010.

### **2010 Actual Capital Expenditures**

<b>Telco Plant in Service Additions</b>	
Total Cable & Wire Plant	\$ 593,765
Total Central Office/Circuit Equip	\$ 1,127,518
Buildings and Land	\$ 312,583
Other Support Assets(vehicles, office and other work equipment, office equipment	\$ 257,620
Grand Total Plant Additions	<b>\$ 2,291,486</b>

Major improvements completed in previous 12 months:

1. Replaced access nodes that were no longer supported by the manufacturer.
2. Completed major upgrades and expanded the Central Office facility.
3. Replaced Central Office batteries.

Proposed major five-year improvements will rehab old wire and cable facilities with fiber to the home, bury aerial fiber cable that can be easily damaged by storms, add additional access nodes to create redundant paths, and provide service to new areas being developed.

### **Five-Year Projected Capital Expenditures**

<b>Telco Plant in Service</b>	<b>FY2011</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>FY2014</b>	<b>FY2015</b>
Total Cable & Wire Plant	\$1,560,000	\$ 1,129,000	\$ 1,075,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,000,000
Total Central Office/Circuit Equip	\$ 680,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 285,000	\$ 460,000	\$ 300,000
Buildings and Land	\$ 288,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 80,000
Other Support Assets(vehicles, office and other work equipment, office equipment	\$ 50,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 180,000	\$ 80,000
Grand Total Plant Additions	<b>\$ 2,578,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,914,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,900,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,830,000</b>	<b>\$ 1,460,000</b>

**Total Five-Year Projected Capital Expenditures: \$ 9,682,000**

**Proposed major five-year improvements and estimated start and completion dates:**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Est. Start Date</b>	<b>Est. Completion Date</b>
During 2011 the company made the decision to start replacing aging copper cable with fiber. The goal is to be able to provide FTTH (Fiber to the Home) to all Community residents within a 3 year period. This would allow broadband speeds to the home of up to 100Mbps	July 2011	1/3 completed Sept. 2012 1/3 completed Sept. 2013 1/3 completed Sept. 2014
Acquire a portable access node to be deployed in emergencies	June 2011	Sept. 2011
Provide service to new Diamondbacks practice facility (new development)	Oct. 2009	Mar. 2011
Bury McKellips Aerial Fiber that could be damaged during storms	Oct. 2011	Sept. 2012
Cable and Electronics into new Developments	Jan. 2011	Nov. 2015
Switch and Circuit Equipment Upgrades	Jan. 2011	Sept. 2015

**4. Outages**

During the previous 12 month period, Saddleback did not have any outages that lasted at least 30 minutes in duration that affected at least ten percent of the users served in the area, or that potentially affected a 911 special facility.

**5. Request for Service**

There were no requests for service from potential customer within the service area that were unfulfilled during the past year.

**6. Complaints**

During the previous 12 month period Saddleback received zero complaints per 1,000 lines.

**7. Service Quality Standards and Consumer Protection Rules**

Saddleback Communications provides wireline services throughout its service area and is regulated by the sovereign authority of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, including the duly elected Tribal Council. As such, Saddleback is not regulated by the state regulatory authorities. As a tribally regulated entity, Saddleback complies with the service quality standards as promulgated by the Tribal Council.



As a common carrier, Saddleback is also regulated by the Commission. As such, Saddleback will comply with all applicable consumer protection laws.

#### **8. Function in Emergency Situations**

Saddleback Communications can remain functional in emergency situations because of:

- Batteries and UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supplies)
- Three 250KW Onan generators
- FM200 fire suppression system
- Redundant fiber paths
- OC48 ring technology

#### **9. Local Usage Plan**

The Commission requires that Saddleback certify that it, as an ETC, “is offering a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in the relevant service areas...” Saddleback is the incumbent LEC and offers local calling throughout its service area.

#### **10. Provide Equal Access to Long Distance Carriers**

Saddleback is the incumbent LEC and offers equal access to long distance providers.

#### **Conclusion**

Saddleback is confident that the information contained herein is sufficient and in compliance with the requirements as promulgated by the Commission in the Certification Order. If the Commission has any questions regarding this filing, please contact Saddleback’s authorized representative noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Bill Bryant

President/General Manager

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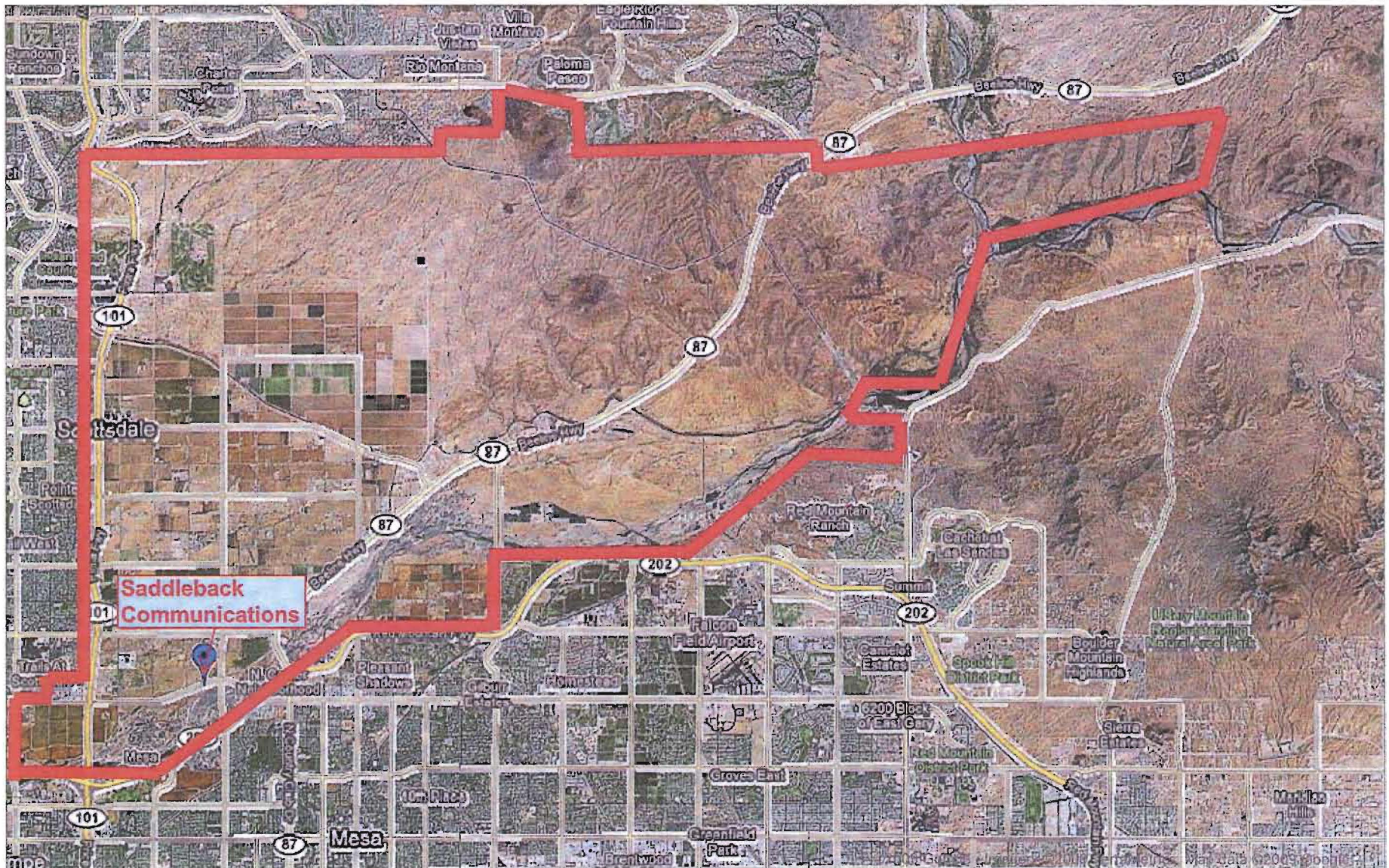
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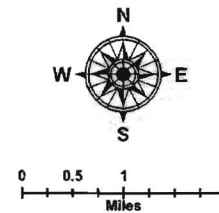
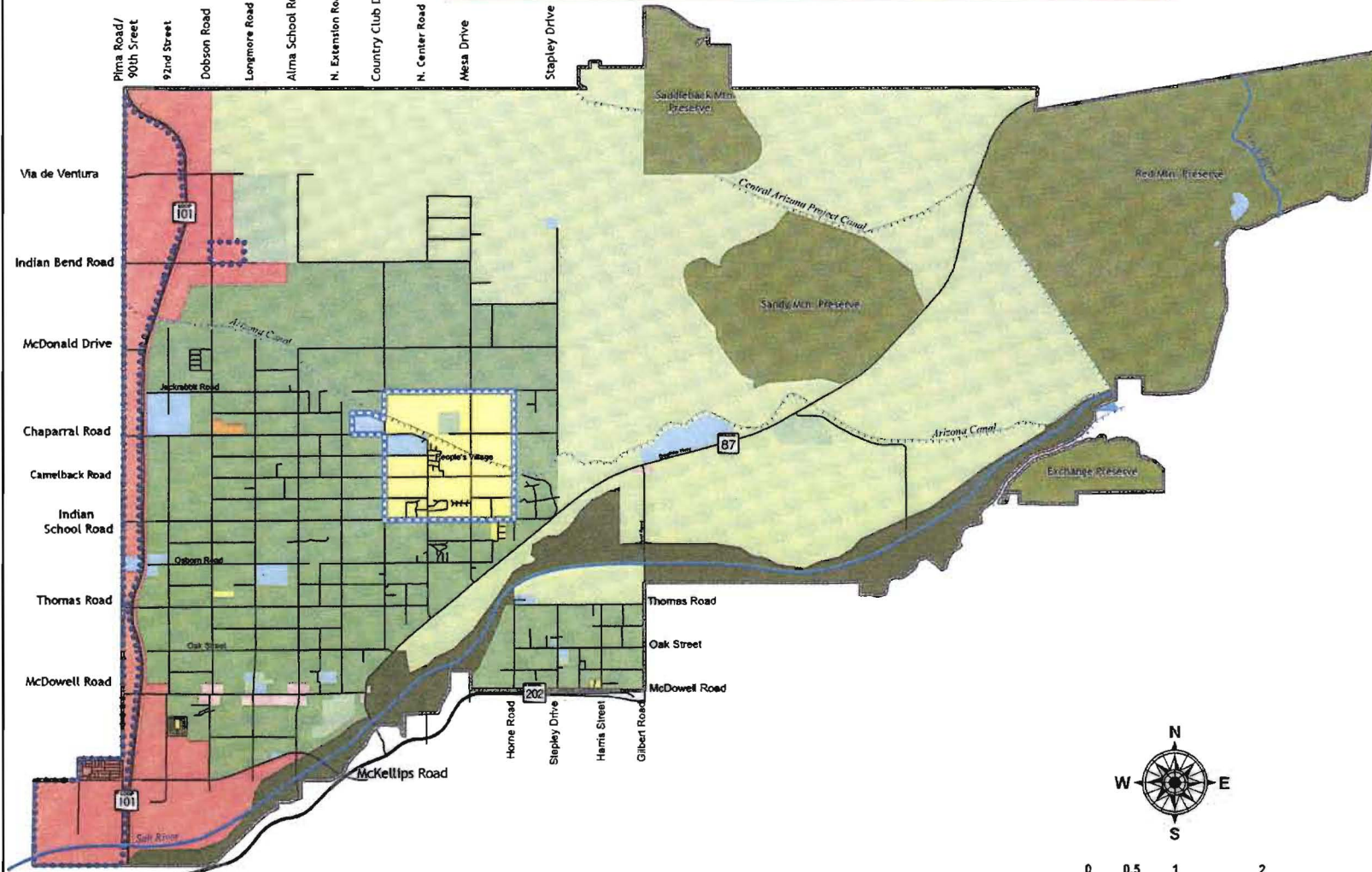


Exhibit 1 -Topographical Map of Saddleback Communications' Service Area, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community





**Exhibit 2 - Saddleback Communications Service Area-  
Land Use Map of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**



Source: SRPMIC GIS

**LAND USE MAP**

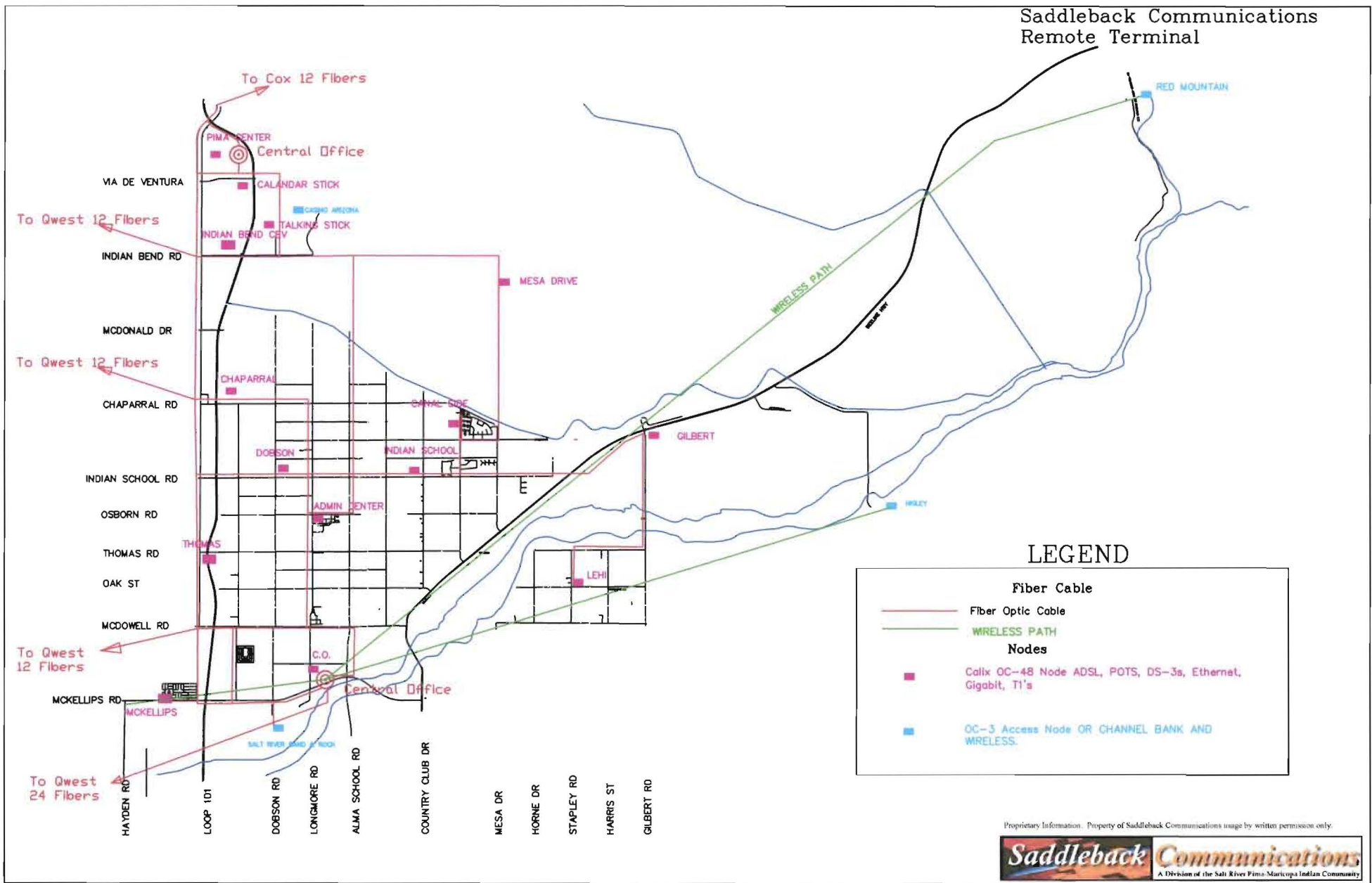
- Land Use Designations**
- Agriculture / Low Density Res.
  - Medium Density Residential
  - High Density Residential
  - Commercial Neighborhood
  - Commercial Mixed Use
  - Industrial
  - Public
  - Natural Resource
  - Open Space
  - Preserve
  - Recreation

- Special Area Designations**
- Pima Corridor
  - People's Village

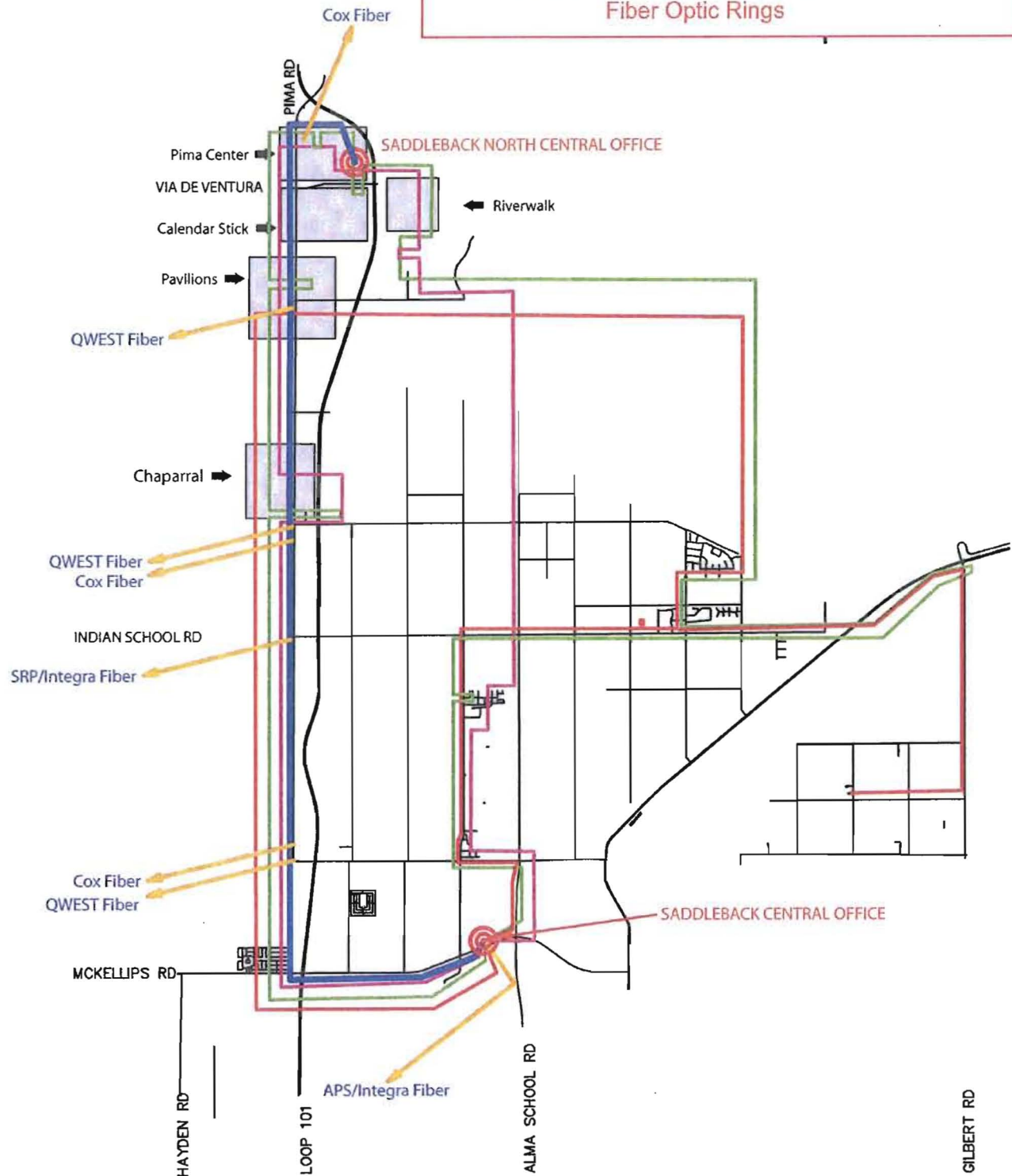
**FIGURE 1-1**  
**Salt River Pima-Maricopa**  
**Indian Community**  
**2006 General Plan**  
Adopted 12.13.06



## Exhibit 3 – Telecommunication Network



# Exhibit 4 -Saddleback Communications Fiber Optic Rings



## Saddleback Fiber Legend

- 288 SINGLE MODE FIBER
- FIBER "A" RING
- FIBER "B" RING
- FIBER "C" RING



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